

What is claimed is:

1. A data management method for managing original data and derivative data by relating the original data and the derivative data, the derivative data being generated through editing processing on the original data, the data management method comprising the steps of:

generating link information for linking the original data and the derivative data and editing information representing the content of the editing processing; and

attaching the link information and the editing information to the original data and the derivative data as accompanying information thereof.

2. A data management apparatus for managing original data and derivative data by relating the original data and the derivative data, the derivative data being generated through editing processing on the original data, the data management apparatus comprising:

accompanying information generation means for generating accompanying information comprising link information for linking the original data and the derivative data and editing information representing the content of the editing processing; and

accompanying information attaching means for attaching the accompanying information generated by the accompanying information generation means to the original data and the

derivative data.

3. A program for causing a computer to execute steps of managing original data and derivative data by relating the original data and the derivative data, the derivative data being  
5 generated through editing processing on the original data, the program comprising the steps of:

generating link information for linking the original data and the derivative data and editing information representing the content of the editing processing; and

10 attaching the link information and the editing information to the original data and the derivative data as accompanying information thereof.

4. A computer readable recording medium storing thereon a program for causing a computer to execute steps of managing  
15 original data and derivative data by relating the original data and the derivative data, the derivative data being generated through editing processing on the original data, the program comprising the steps of:

generating link information for linking the original data  
20 and the derivative data and editing information representing the content of the editing processing; and

attaching the link information and the editing information to the original data and the derivative data as accompanying information thereof.

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